



ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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Field Crops

For the week ending December 10, cotton harvesting is complete on 89 percent of the acreage compared to 86 percent last year and the five year average of 88 percent. Cotton condition remains mostly fair to good.

Alfalfa harvest was active on less than half of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition is mostly fair. Sheeping off is active in some regions of Arizona. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly fair to good.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, honeydew, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, spinach, and lemons.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupe, cauliflower, celery, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, bok choy, miscellaneous herbs, green onions, parsley, spinach, swiss chard, and various citrus last week. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green leaf, red leaf, iceberg, and romaine.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending December 10. Temperatures ranged from 7 degrees above normal at Prescott to 8 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly. The highest temperature of the week was 82 degrees at Marana, and the lowest reading occurred in Canyon De Chelly at 3 degrees. No precipitation was reported at any of the 22 reporting stations. Marana is now the only reporting station with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

Range and Pasture

During November, Arizona's rangeland and pastures were subjected to above normal temperatures and minimal precipitation until the last week of the month when very cold temperatures and snow showers settled across the State, especially north of the Mogollon Rim. Precipitation totals were minimal for most of Arizona. Condition of rangeland remained mostly fair to good, regardless of elevation. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair to good condition. Soil moisture was short, but stock water supplies were mostly adequate. Insect damage was mostly light to moderate.

In Arizona's Northern region, grazing condition was mostly fair, regardless of elevation. The below zero temperatures and snow showers late in November required the breaking of ice in a few areas so livestock could get to water. Cattle and calves were in fair to good condition. Stock water was adequate, but soil moisture was mostly short. Insect damage was light to moderate.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition was mostly fair to good. High and low elevation pasture condition was mostly good, but mid elevation areas were mostly fair to good. Cattle and calves remained in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were adequate but soil moisture was short. Insect damage was light to moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pastures were in mostly good condition, regardless of elevation. Cattle and calves were in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were adequate, but soil moisture supplies were mostly short. Insect damage was light to moderate.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
December 4 - December 10, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	51	3	77	26	0.00	5.83	-2.81	67
Buckeye	55	3	79	30	0.00	2.54	-4.42	36
Canyon De Chelly	27	-8	50	3	0.00	8.79	-0.40	96
Coolidge	55	4	78	26	0.00	5.18	-1.54	77
Douglas	44	-3	69	20	0.00	10.52	-2.16	83
Flagstaff	31	1	55	4	0.00	14.90	-6.28	70
Grand Canyon	30	3	57	4	0.00	10.87	-8.02	58
Kingman	46	2	66	20	0.00	5.25	-3.89	57
Marana	57	6	82	30	0.00	11.00	1.45	115
Maricopa	54	4	79	27	0.00	4.03	-2.30	64
Paloma	53	1	77	28	0.00	3.18	-2.21	59
Parker	54	2	79	26	0.00	2.56	-0.71	78
Payson	42	2	67	19	0.00	12.52	-7.94	61
Phoenix	61	6	79	43	0.00	5.15	-1.81	74
Prescott	44	7	80	13	0.00	8.18	-10.40	44
Roll	54	2	81	28	0.00	1.60	-1.22	57
Safford	46	0	67	22	0.00	8.69	-0.33	96
St. Johns	35	-2	62	11	0.00	7.45	-3.37	69
Tucson	57	5	76	38	0.00	11.21	-0.02	100
Willcox	46	2	71	21	0.00	9.23	-2.76	77
Winslow	34	-2	61	7	0.00	2.78	-4.80	37
Yuma	56	1	81	34	0.00	1.05	-1.80	37

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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